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## In the Claims:

Claim 3 is amended herein. The remaining claims are not amended in this response.

- 1. (withdrawn) A pulse-tube refrigerator comprising a pulse tube, a cool storage unit connected to the low-temperature side of said pulse tube, a vibration generator connected to the high-temperature side of said cool storage unit, and a reservoir with an orifice connected to the high-temperature side of said pulse tube, wherein said vibration generator is a heat-driven pressure-wave generator comprising a heat-driven tube, a phase shifter that is connected to the outlet port of said heat-driven tube at its one end, and a return path that connects the other end of said phase shifter to the inlet port of said heat-driven tube, wherein said heat-driven tube consists of a heat-storage unit, a heating heat exchanger, a radiation heat exchanger, and a work-transmission tube.
- 2. (withdrawn) A pulse-tube refrigerator comprising a pulse tube, a cool storage unit connected to the low-temperature side of said pulse tube, a vibration generator connected to the high-temperature side of said cool storage unit, and a reservoir with an orifice connected to the high-temperature side of said pulse tube, wherein said vibration generator is a heat-driven pressure-wave generator comprising a heat-driven tube and a resonator

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connected to the low-temperature-side end of said heat-driven tube, wherein said heat-driven tube consists of a heat-storage unit, a heating heat exchanger, a radiation heat exchanger, and a high-temperature buffer.

- 3. (currently amended) A pulse-tube refrigerator comprising a pulse tube, a cool storage unit connected to the a low-temperature side of said pulse tube, a vibration generator connected to the a high-temperature side of said cool storage unit, and a reservoir with an orifice connected to the high-temperature side of said pulse tube, wherein said vibration generator is a heat-driven pressure-wave generator which operates as an oscillator for generating a traveling acoustic wave by causing self-excited vibration with resonance comprising a heat-driven tube and a resonator two resonators connected symmetrically to the an inlet port of said heat-driven tube, wherein said heat-driven tube consists of a heat-storage unit, a heating heat exchanger, a radiation heat exchanger, and a work-transmission tube.
- 4. (withdrawn) A pulse-tube refrigerator comprising a pulse tube, a cool storage unit connected to the low-temperature side of said pulse tube, a vibration generator connected to the high-temperature side of said cool storage unit, and a reservoir with an orifice connected to the high-temperature side of said pulse

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tube, and further comprising a gas-spring resonator disposed between said pulse tube and said orifice.

5. (withdrawn) A pulse-tube refrigerator comprising a pulse tube, a cool storage unit connected to the low-temperature side of said pulse tube, a vibration generator connected to the high-temperature side of said cool storage unit, and a reservoir with an orifice connected to the high-temperature side of said pulse tube, and further comprising a phase shifter disposed between said pulse tube and said orifice.

- 6. (withdrawn) A pulse-tube refrigerator comprising a pulse tube, a cool storage unit connected to the low-temperature side of said pulse tube, a vibration generator connected to the high-temperature side of said cool storage unit, and a reservoir connected to the high-temperature side of said pulse tube, and further comprising a phase shifter with leakage disposed between said pulse tube and said reservoir.
- 7. (new) A pulse-tube refrigerator according to claim 3 wherein said symmetry is bilateral symmetry.
- 8. (new) The pulse-tube refrigerator according to claim 3 wherein each said resonator has a piston and a cylinder.